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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Monday, May 18, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	06/15/2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rochelle Mason, Professional Member, **President**, Presiding
John Mucha, Professional Member, **Vice President**
Kyla Teed, Public Member **Secretary**
Sandra Bisgood, Public Member
Lori Malloy, Professional Member
Florienda Scott-Cobb, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
Gayle MacAfee, Deputy Director
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Marlene Saunders, NASW - Delaware
Verity Watson, Delaware Division of Research

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Mason called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed April 20, 2015 minutes for approval. Ms. Malloy moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to approve the minutes with a minor correction. Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Applications to Sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam

Ms. Malloy moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Matthew McClenahan. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Malloy moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Diane Bell. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Malloy moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Iris Drane. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Malloy moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Gretchen O'Neal. Motion unanimously carried.

Ratification of Application for Licensure by Reciprocity

Ms. Malloy moved, seconded by Ms. Teed, to ratify the application for licensure by reciprocity for LaKeeya Thornton. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Applications to Sit for ASWB Clinical Exam (Full Board Review Required)

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to approve the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Angel Wong. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for Licensure by Reciprocity

The Board reviewed Harold Lipton's application for licensure by reciprocity. Ms. Scott-Cobb moved, seconded by Ms. Mason to approve the application for licensure by reciprocity. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request for Disability Accommodations to Sit for ASWB Exam

Ms. Bisgood moved, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb, to approve the request for disability accommodations for Jewel Ogiste. Motion unanimously carried.

Status of Complaints

The Board was advised that case 31-01-15 was assigned to the Administrative Hearing Unit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review and Consider Final Orders Regarding Recommendations of Hearing Officers

Ms. Mason affixed her signature to the Final Orders for Pascale Beauboeuf-Roane, Marybeth Conklin, Renee Goselin, Jacqueline Hughes-Cohen, and Allah-Fard Sharrieff.

Review and Consider Consent Agreement for Carl White (Case 31-08-12)

Ms. Bisgood moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha to accept the consent agreement for Carl White. Motion carried with Ms. Malloy and Ms. Mason recusing.

Review of Post-Renewal Continuing Education Audits

Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to review the continuing education audits after the meeting adjourned. Motion unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Review Correspondence from Bruno Rescigna Proposing Acceptance of Volunteerism to Satisfy Portion of Required CEUs

The Board reviewed the correspondence from Bruno Rescigna. Although Mr. Rescigna's request appears to be simple in nature, it would be incredibly difficult to oversee and to ensure that the volunteer work would be clinical in nature. Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Ms. Malloy, to send correspondence to Mr. Rescigna, acknowledging the correspondence, and advising him that the Board will not be pursuing his request further. Motion unanimously carried.

ASWB Awards

The Board reviewed the correspondence from the ASWB regarding the nominations for the Sunny Andrews award and the Board Administrator award.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Ms. Williams provided the Board with a brief report from the 2015 ASWB Spring Education meeting, which was held in Seattle, Washington.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion Regarding Joint Sunset Committee

The Board reviewed the recommendations from the Joint Sunset Committee

Ms. MacAfee provided the Board with an update from the meeting Mr. Mangler had with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). According to Ms. MacAfee, there are currently 31 positions with the title of "social worker", but the bulk of the positions are actually caseworker positions. Currently, 340 employees fill the 31 social worker positions. OMB will be researching the number of employees, who are eligible to sit for the ASWB clinical exam. Ms. MacAfee reported that OMB will be conducting an impact study and analysis. OMB is very willing to work with the board, and have voiced that they would like to see something similar to Maryland, where the implementation took place over a ten-year period.

Mr. Mucha reported that there is a group on Facebook of recent MSW graduates inquiring about non-clinical licensure. Ms. Scott-Cobb voiced her opinion regarding non-clinical licenses. For instance, if an individual does not want to have a clinical license, but would need to obtain a clinical license to be an administrator. Ms. Scott-Cobb suggested making the report from OMB a time-sensitive matter.

It was reported that the majority of the 340 employees holding the social work positions, are contractual, meaning that they would fall outside of the exemption.

Ms. Kelly reported that the Division of Professional Regulation has to submit a progress report by September and December, to the Joint Sunset Committee, therefore any progress that is to be made needs to be expedited.

Ms. Kelly reported that years ago, the Board sent out a stakeholder letter, including public entities, and no one from the public showed up to voice their concerns regarding the proposal. Ms. Scott-Cobb suggested that another stakeholder letter be sent, requesting that someone specific respond to the letter; although it will be difficult as many agencies have low retention rates.

Ms. Scott-Cobb also suggested that the Board request that OMB have their research completed before the June 15, 2015 meeting, in order for the Board to have time to review and consider the findings.

Ms. Kelly will draft a stakeholder letter, in an effort to address the second recommendation from the Joint Sunset Committee, for the Board to review and consider during the next regularly scheduled meeting.

The Board discussed various ways of community outreach, in an attempt to address recommendation three. Ms. Mason will reach out to surrounding social work colleges.

Ms. Scott-Cobb suggested that the Board work with the schools of social work. The Board could suggest that the universities examine the possible causes that contribute to the low pass rates of the clinical exam.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Saunders addressed the Board. She reported that the NASW was disappointed, regarding the Joint Sunset Committee's decision to hold the Board over. She reported that the NASW is willing to assist and support the Board in any way possible, as the NASW is a stakeholder.

Dr. Saunders reported that 13 individuals completed the test prep course offered by the NASW – Delaware chapter, three of which then scheduled to take the exam, and all three individuals passed the exam.

Dr. Saunders suggested that the Board meet outside of the walls of the Division of Professional Regulation in an attempt to establish a plan for community outreach. Additionally, Dr. Saunders provided the Board with the names of some contacts, who can possibly assist the Board in reaching out to potential stakeholders.

Lastly, Dr. Saunders advised the board that the NASW's annual meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2015.

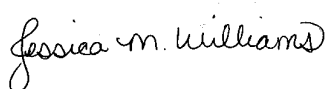
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on June 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Bisgood moved, seconded by Ms. Malloy, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica M. Williams, Administrative Specialist II
Delaware Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners